

Murray Warns GOP Against Defeating Subsidies

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—CIO President Philip Murray today bluntly warned Republican members of the House that their party will be branded as "the party of inflation" in the 1944 elections if they vote to outlaw all subsidies to hold down the cost of living.

National Farmers Union President James G. Patton declared that the real farmers of the nation favor subsidies to keep down the cost of living and increase food production despite the powerful anti-subsidy lobby of "so-called representatives of farmers, heavily salted with middlemen."

AFL Secretary George Meany said in a joint radio broadcast with CIO Secretary James Carey that the real issue was whether Congress would keep the promise it made to hold the cost of living down in the economic stabilization act of October, 1942.

These were the highlights of the last minute campaign by labor and administration forces to defeat the rigid ban on subsidies, which will boost the cost of food by at least seven per cent.

As the debate got under way this afternoon it looked as if the in-

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flationary anti-subsidy bloc in the House, consisting of practically the entire Republican delegation and a sizeable contingent of poll-tax Democrats still held the edge.

The consistent lobbying campaign of meat packers, dairy interests, meat growers and other business groups masquerading as the farm bloc has not yet been sufficiently counteracted by labor which was late in getting started on this issue.

The charge that the Republicans have become the party of inflation has, however, made Republican Congressmen jittery and defensive.

And there is little doubt in the minds of seasoned observers here that if this strategy could have been pursued aggressively and earlier in the game it would have had a real effect in splitting the Republican delegation.

Rep. Wright Patman, Texas Democrat, was the first to charge that the Republicans were trying to throw the country into "economic chaos in order to win the 1944 elections. The Republicans in the House have been answering him ever since.

MURRAY BLASTS GOP

CIO President Philip Murray's strongly worded statement in a letter to Minority Leader Joseph Martin made the Republicans even more nervous.

"No responsible political party or leadership can afford in this critical war period to make the demand for increased food prices a plank in its program," Murray said.

"No responsible political party or leadership can afford to label itself at this critical point in our war effort the party of inflation."

Murray said that there was no better way for Martin to demonstrate that "there is to be no party politics in an issue of this type than by exercising your best efforts as a congressional leader in support of this vital subsidy program."

A CIO delegation presented the letter to Martin and received the reply that subsidies were not "a partisan issue" and that he would not try to influence Congressmen one way or another. But everyone in the House knew that the Republicans have lined up solidly against subsidy and that they have thus made it a partisan issue. It was also no secret that Martin has played an important role in shaping the anti-subsidy line-up.

HITS CONGRESS FAILURE

Both in his letter to Martin and in a letter to majority leader John McCormick, Murray said:

"It has been the very failure of Congress to give full and effective support to control prices up to the present time that has driven labor to seek true stabilization through revision of present price structures."

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Tells Congress Decisions Doom All Aggressors

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (UP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull told a Joint Session of Congress today that the Four-Power Moscow Declarations can rid the world of war-breeding power politics by establishing a brotherhood of peaceful nations.

Just a week after returning from his greatest triumph of statesmanship—the Moscow Conference of Foreign Ministers—the 72-year-old Secretary said the parley "is believed to have been an important step in the direction of shortening the war and of making provision for the future."

"I am happy on this occasion to pay personal tribute to those with whom it was my privilege to confer in Moscow," Hull said. "Mr. Molotov arranged for the business of the conference in a most efficient manner. Both as chairman and participant he manifested throughout the highest order of ability and a profound grasp of international affairs. Mr. Eden, with his exceptional wisdom and experience, exhibited the first qualities of statesmanship. I found in Marshal Stalin a remarkable personality, one of the great statesmen and leaders of the age."

HULL RUSSIAN PEOPLE

"I was deeply impressed by the people of Russia and by the epic quality of their patriotic fervor. A people who will fight against ruthless aggression, in utter contempt of death, as the men and women of the Soviet Union are fighting, merit the admiration and good will of the peoples of all countries."

Most vital of their achievements, he said, was the Declaration in which Russia, Britain, the United States and China pledged themselves to "carry forward to its fullest development a broad and progressive program of international cooperation" to maintain post-war peace.

As the provisions of the Four Nation Declaration are carried into effect, there will no longer be need for spheres of influence, for alliances, for balance of power or any of the special arrangements through which, in the unhappy past, the na-

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House OK's Delay In Father Draft

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (UP)—The House today approved and sent to the Senate a conference report on legislation to place pre-war fathers at the foot of the draft list and strip War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt of authority over the Selective Service system. The action was by voice vote.

The Senate is expected to follow suit quickly and transmit the bill to President Roosevelt whose attitude is uncertain. The father-draft feature is not considered likely to modify present Selective Service procedure much and he might approve it.

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Britons Furious at Move to Release Mosley

LONDON, Nov. 18 (UP)—Protests representing millions of workers showered on the government today by resolution, telegram and word of mouth, against the proposed release of Sir Oswald Mosley, for years the British fascist leader, and his wife, long friendly to German Nazis, from Holloway Prison.

It was emphasized that many Britons not only want Mosley kept in jail for the duration, but want him tried as a war criminal afterward.

So angered were workers at several aircraft factories at the news that Mosley was to be released because of ill health, and that his wife would be freed with him, that they met to consider striking.

Only the plea of Communists among them that it was more important to make bombers to attack Germany induced them to remain at work.

Deputations representing 17 London munitions factories visited Prime Minister Winston Churchill's Downing Street offices, the Home Ministry and other government departments this afternoon to protest in the name of 30,000 workers.

They are men and women who rarely see the sun in the bleak British winter, and they were angry not only at the proposed release but at the luxury in which the Mosleys are able to live in a prison apartment.

Attendants refused the delegates admission to Chur-

chill's and Home Secretary Herbert Morrison's offices, so they left petitions denouncing the release of "Britain's would-be Fascist No. 1."

"Feeling is running very high in our factory," a shop steward said. "We don't want to strike but there is a feeling of frustration. We feel when we are putting in long hours, working as hard as we can, it is not right that a man like Sir Oswald Mosley should be allowed out of prison."

"We get up at 6 A.M. when it's still dark and return from the factory at 6 P.M., when it's dark again," a delegate told me. "Mosley at least sees the light of day in his comfortable prison."



REP. VITO MARCANTONIO

City CIO Launches Campaign to Save PR

The New York CIO readied plans today for the launching of a wide educational campaign in defense of Proportional Representation (PR).

Distribution of more than a million pamphlets to the general public, utilization of radio time and other publicity media explaining and extolling the democratic virtues of PR will be undertaken in CIO's political educational campaign decided upon last night at a meeting of delegates to the Greater New York Industrial Union Council at Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 46th St.

Present at the CIO Council meeting last night were seven of the 17 newly elected members of the City Council. The seven Councilmen, elected with CIO endorsement and active support, include Michael J. Quill, Independent, and Gertrude Weil Klein, ALP, from the Bronx; Stanley Isaacs, Republican, and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., Communist, from Manhattan; Genevieve Earle, Republican, and Peter V. Caccione, Communist, from Brooklyn; and James A. Phillips, Democrat and James A. Phillips, Democrat leaders of the great statesmen and leaders of the age.

Eugene Gordon writes on housing conditions in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant area—a story that answers the slanderous anti-Negro attack—see tomorrow's Daily Worker.

N. Y. Court Upholds Reapportionment

ALBANY, Nov. 18 (UP)—The Court of Appeals today upheld constitutionality of New York's legislative Reapportionment Law, providing redistricting of Senate and Assembly lines for the first time in more than 25 years. The decision was unanimous.

The law, passed by the 1942 legislature at the request of Governor Dewey, increases the number of State Senators from 51 to 56, and rearranges 15 Assembly seats according to population.

Under the new law, eight upstate counties lose an Assembly seat. The eight seats, together with seven taken from New York County, are distributed among Queens, Kings, Bronx, Richmond, Nassau and Westchester Counties. New York County also loses three Senate seats. Those three plus five additional seats are apportioned among Queens, Kings, Bronx, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties.

"Vicious attacks on Proportional Representation, completely misrepresenting the reasons for the election of a strong Council minority and distorting the facts, have been launched by discredited reactionary political hacks in this city, and by such newspapers as the New York Times, Journal-American, New York Post and World-Telegram."

While condemning these newspapers, the CIO congratulated the Citizens Union, the League of Women Voters, the Citizens Non-Partisan Committee and other good government forces for their defense of PR.

Nazis Say Berlin Raided

LONDON, Friday, Nov. 19 (UP)—The official German DNB news agency announced early today that Berlin was bombed last night.

Aurelio Election Proves Need For PR, Says Citizens Union

In forthright defense of Proportional Representation, George H. Hallett, Jr., secretary of the Citizens Union, yesterday declared that in the face of the election of Judge Aurelio good citizens should be slow to surrender the advantage of PR.

"Unlike the radical Councilmen," Mr. Hallett said in a statement listing PR's advantages, "Aurelio was elected not because he was wanted because his name appeared on the Republican and Democratic lines and because the opposition to him was divided. There are no party lines on the PR ballot to trap the unwary voter, and PR votes are not wasted if the majority is divided."

The hue and cry to abolish PR today because "it allowed three radicals to be elected in a total of seventeen" is part of the same illiberal spirit that drove several Socialists after the last war out of their elected posts."

The general impression that "radical elements obtained representation out of proportion to the votes cast for their candidates is not borne out by an examination of the result sheets," the Citizens Union secretary asserted. Candidates supported by Communists and the left-wing ALP received 17 per cent of the first-choice votes in the

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No 'Federations' in Europe, Soviets Say

MOSCOW, Nov. 18 (UP)—The USSR has firmly banned any Federation of small European states which might be used as a "cordón sanitario" similar to that drawn around the new Soviet state after the last war, it was disclosed today.

Further, the Soviet Union has made it known that she opposes the Federation principle itself until a sufficient time has elapsed after the war for the small states to establish themselves firmly, and she does not believe that Hitler's satellites should then be given equal status with countries which the Nazis have overrun.

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Ivestia based its editorial on articles in the British publications The Economist and the New Statesman and Nation, which it said held that the Moscow declaration that Austria would be freed implied that Russia did not object to a central European Federation.

Any such interpretation is "misleading and irresponsible and does not correspond to reality and responsibility," Ivestia said.

Marcantonio urged that labor and Negro groups ask their Congressmen to sign discharge petition Number 17 which would bring action on the measure when it is signed by 218 members of the House.

Navy Shells Foe On Buka Island

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, South Pacific, Friday, Nov. 19 (UP)—Light United States naval forces of the South Pacific Command shelled Buka Island, north of Bougainville in the northern Solomons for 45 minutes early Wednesday without loss, it was announced today.

Front dispatches said the U. S. force surprised the enemy on Buka, the northernmost Solomons outpost and an important link in sea communications from the powerful Rabaul, New Britain, base to Bougainville Island, where American marines hold a west coast beachhead.

Liberators Pound Targets in Norway

LONDON, Nov. 18 (UP)—Flying through rain and sleet on a round-trip of more than 1,000 miles, U. S. Liberators bombers today attacked Nazi targets in Norway for the second time this week after the RAF battered the Rhine land chemical center of Ludwigshafen last night for the 60th time in the war.

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Tito Fighting 6 Big Nazi Drives

LONDON, Nov. 18 (UP)—Six German motorized columns were reported closing in on Yugoslav Partisan forces in Yugoslavia tonight. Partisan forces appealed to the Allied navies to evacuate the guerrilla forces so that some day they may spearhead an invasion of the Balkans.

Along a 200-mile front sweeping from the Gorski Kotar, mountainous region southwest of Zagreb, to below Split (Spalato) on the Adriatic Coast German columns were swinging along all available roads and passes to drive the Partisans into the sea or scatter them into the mountains for the winter.

Partisan sources here said it was the enemy's biggest single offensive of the war in that area. The Germans already have captured many coastal islands and the Peljesac peninsula below Split, and it was possible the Nazis were attempting to catch the Partisans in principle to any artificial union of small nations "which would be fraught with most serious consequences not only for those nations but for the future peace of Europe."

Ivestia said that Molotov's view was that the exiled governments of small states were not in sufficiently close touch with their people to insure full expression of popular will on the subject, that even governments formed after the war might lack sufficient authority and stability to commit their people to a Federation, and that only after stabilization would small nations have sufficient confidence in their own independence to start discussing the federation idea.

Two additional objections were cited. First, Ivestia said—apparently reflecting views which Molotov had outlined—Russia considers it unjust that small German satellites should enjoy equal status in any federation.

Such countries as Finland, Hungary and Rumania cannot and must not escape the consequences, even though they are small, of their complicity with Hitler and Mussolini, if they want it

AYD Launches Drive on Delinquency

War Service Aid, Wide Recreation Plan Prepared

An extensive program to combat juvenile delinquency by developing greater youth participation in war service work and in self-organized recreational and extra-school activities was inaugurated yesterday by the newly constituted American Youth for Democracy (AYD).

The program is part of a national War Mobilization Campaign, which also includes programs aimed at abolishing discrimination in the Armed Forces and lowering the voting age to 18 years. Outlined by AYD's national executive board, it will be put into practice by 15 state and regional committees, and their affiliated clubs during the period from Nov. 18 to Dec. 22.

"Juvenile delinquency actually affects only a very small number of young people," read AYD's program, "but the problems revealed by its growth are the concern of all youth."

"This program therefore attempts to present youth's own answer to youth's problems" by mobilizing them for war activity and by helping them fill their social, cultural and recreational needs.

WAR SERVICE AIDS

Specific war service objectives of AYD's program include: mailing 5,000 Christmas gifts to men and women in the services before Dec. 25; the collection of 100,000 books for the Armed Forces and the merchant marine between Jan. 1 and Feb. 22; the contribution of 5,000 pints of blood to the Red Cross before Feb. 22; and intensive activity to help promote the Junior Citizens Corps of the OCD and the High School Victory Corps program.

To help supply proper cultural and recreational facilities, AYD clubs will be built as "live community centers" serving the needs of youth. Sports and cultural activities, highlighted by basketball and bowling competitions and cultural festivals, will be featured. Forums, discussions and debates will be arranged as part of an educational program around the important issues of the day.

Specific attention is focused in the anti-juvenile delinquency campaign on the necessity for "exposing fifth column elements who are promoting juvenile participation in anti-Negro and anti-Semitic actions." Inter-racial activity, education and understanding will keynote this work.

In cooperation with organized labor, American Youth for Democracy intends to help evolve statewide and local "combined work and study" programs for high school youth who have entered industry. It will campaign as well to uphold state and federal regulations governing the employment of minors and to establish all necessary safeguards for preserving the health and moral well-being of young workers through necessary state legislation.

While projecting this program for members and clubs of its own organizations, AYD offers its full cooperation to the Associated Youth Serving Organizations and to all youth, labor, civic and social welfare organizations interested in youth welfare.

During the course of the War Mobilization Campaign, American Youth for Democracy aims to enroll 30,000 young people as charter members, and as a positive affirmation of youth's willingness to tackle its own problems.

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Unions Top 2 Million Mark In City War Fund Drive

New York City has raised \$100,000,000 National War Fund and AFL together have contributed more than \$20,000,000 of the fund received so far.

This was disclosed yesterday at a report luncheon at the Hotel Commodore where representatives of the many cooperating organizations joined in raising money for war relief, aiding American and all United Nations forces.

Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council and secretary of the CIO Section of the New York Labor War Chest, announced that CIO members in New York City have raised more than a million dollars for war and community relief.

Joseph Tobin, assistant executive director of the AFL section of the Labor War Chest, told the diners that as of Nov. 4, the AFL here had on hand \$1,013,453.

How Subsidies Protect Your Pocketbook

WHY IS THE FIGHT FOR SUBSIDIES SO IMPORTANT?

The widespread use of production subsidies is the heart of the Administration program for price control and increased food output. The highly organized fight against subsidies has the double-edged purpose of discrediting the Administration's policies for anti-FDR political purposes.

WHO IS AGAINST SUBSIDIES?

Nationally, four main groups oppose subsidies. They are: The National Association of Manufacturers, the "farm bloc" in Congress, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Hoover wing of the Republican Party. An important mouthpiece for all of these is Frank Gannett's "Committee for Constitutional Government." (Gannett is the man who has been trying to stop the sale of "Under Cover" because it exposed the fascist nature of

this committee.) At Chicago on Sept. 17, 1943, Gannett called an anti-subsidy conference which adopted Hoover's "one food agency" program, thus trying to "eliminate" OPA. The CCG distributes the NAM economist Willford King's "Are Subsidies Necessary?" Associated with Gannett in CCG are Edward Rumney who served a prison term as a German agent; Amerist First leader Samuel Pettengill; and Hitler-praiser Edward Burke, head of the southern coal operators.

WHAT ARE PRODUCTION SUBSIDIES?

They are money paid by the government to a food grower, food processors and manufacturers to make up the difference between price ceilings on the finished product and production costs. Subsidies not only protect the consumer against high prices, but also stimulate a full production by guaranteeing that the producer will not have to sell at a loss. This applies to farmers as well as to other food producers and manufacturers. The Congressional Committee for the Protection of the Con-

sumers ("Fighting Sixty" Congressmen), stated at the close of the last session of Congress: "In no instance should the effect of the roll-back be that of lowering the price to any farmer or of cutting the income of any farmer." They pointed out that through a program of subsidies farmer could increase their income through increased production.

WHAT SUBSIDIES WILL ACCOMPLISH:

1. By stopping a breakthrough in prices at one place, subsidies will prevent a break-through at many other places. Thus, if the government keeps food prices down, it will be impossible for the manufacturers of clothing and other articles, as well as the landlords, to claim that they need higher prices and higher rents.
2. Subsidies will make it possible to roll back prices, thus reducing the cost of living and undermining the demagogic attempts of the opponents of subsidies to turn labor and the farmers against the Adminis-tration.

Marines Land at Bougainville



The start of the beach attack at one point of Bougainville is shown above, as U. S. Marines pile ashore to tackle the defending Japanese troops.

Citizens Union Cites Aurelio In Backing PR

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city and 15 per cent on the final count. They will have a little less than 18 per cent of the new Council, he said.

Democrats were able to obtain many votes from citizens in all parties because of the "type of campaign" they conducted and because of "their choice of candidates."

Successful results based on the character of the campaign issues should "lead the major parties into nominating candidates with a stronger appeal to the voters."

Except under PR, the Democratic machine usually makes a clean sweep of local elections in off-years, and this year was not exception, the statement affirms. That PR made it possible to reduce the Democratic Council majority to a 10 to seven margin is "a striking tribute to its effectiveness."

"Can anyone doubt that the city will fare better under this properly limited majority than under the one-party system we used to have in the Board of Alderman and still would have without PR?"

In conclusion, Mr. Hallett points out that in the Bronx the Flynn organization polled less than half the votes for its Council candidates this fall. Because the opposition majority was divided, the Democratic machine would doubtless have monopolized the borough delegation as usual if it had not been for PR. But thanks to PR, the Bronx Democrats elected only one out of the three that was their rightful share, he explains.

"The significance of such results as this should not lightly be disregarded."

Registration of C. P. Political Task-Hudson

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Communist Party registration was described yesterday by Roy Hudson, member of the National Committee of the Party, as a "major political issue." In a statement to the Daily Worker yesterday, he urged that it be carried through "as a streamlined soldier."

On Nov. 15 the Communist Party started its yearly counting of noses. We are one of the few American organizations that has a yearly registration of its membership. Trade unions usually rely upon union contracts or shop stewards and educational activities to keep their members in good standing and to keep intact the union's organized strength. Mass fraternal and political organizations are usually loose organizations which do not seek to involve actively the mass of their members in the life of the organization. Most political parties are satisfied if the rank and file turns out to vote on election day.

The Communist Party, however, attaches great significance to organized activity the year round. Its methods of maintaining and increasing its membership are peculiarly its own. Membership in the Party is purely a voluntary proposition. Political understanding and not compulsion is its means of keeping its membership and activating them in an organized way. Furthermore, the active participation of every member in determining policies and in their execution is essential. If our Party through its organized activities, is to make its maximum contribution to the war effort.

The registration of our membership this year will be more than a barometer indicating how well we are doing our job. The tasks that face the nation in the light of the historic decisions of the Moscow conference and following the elections and the great CIO convention require a maximum mobilization of the nation's strength and resources. Our Party can fulfill its patriotic duties and responsibilities to labor and the people only if our full strength is thrown into the struggle. The registration will be one of the important means of consolidating our ranks and mobilizing our forces for the great tasks ahead. That is why every comrade, and especially every trade union comrade, should look upon the registration as a major political task. That is why we must carry through the registration on a streamlined basis.

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Thomas Charges Radio Gags Labor

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—UAW President R. J. Thomas appeared before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee studying the Wheeler-White bill to weaken the Federal Communications Commission today to demand more time for labor on the air.

The Wheeler bill, S. 814, would reorganize the FCC in such a manner as to undermine the authority of James L. Fly, commission chairman, and split the agency into two sections.

Indicating that he was not present to urge more freedom from FCC as radio industry spokesmen had done and praising Fly for his attitude, Thomas demanded "greater freedom" for labor on the networks.

The UAW president recited a number of specific examples where locals had been denied time to answer labor-baiting attacks by industry and commentators like Fulton Lewis, Jr.

Asking for an investigation of networks bias and gags against trade unions, Thomas declared "that the National Association of Broadcasters code must go" and "labor and other groups must be guaranteed access to the radio of this country, be legislation, if necessary."



Six Unions Meet With Murray

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Leaders of six national white collar unions in a conference with CIO President Philip Murray today discussed strategy on a campaign to obtain wage adjustments and to balk the drive of the New York Times to drive a wedge between white collar and industrial workers.

The heads of the white collar unions present decided on another meeting in the near future to map a definite statement of policy.

Unions represented at the meeting included the United Office and Professional Workers, State, County and Municipal Workers, United Federal Workers, American Newspaper Guild, United Wholesale and Retail Workers and Federation of Architects, Engineers and Technicians.

UAW Anti-Incentive Stand Shelved at Republic

UAW Wins Poll At Bronx Diesel War Plant

The CIO United Automobile Workers has been named sole bargaining agent for 500 workers at the Rogers Diesel & Aircraft Corp., Bronx war plant, as the result of a National Labor Relations Board election. The union's Amalgamated Local 259 won out despite an anti-labor campaign which flooded workers with individual letters from their employer and from foremen and their spouses.

Earlier, Wendell Willkie and many other prominent individuals also gave their endorsement to the meeting which will center on the question of Germany's future and what unionists of German extraction can do now to speed victory and the end of Nazism.

Sam Zekman and Leo Bernstein, organizers, said that the election was won because the program that was presented was geared to achievement of all-out production for war as well as improving wages and working conditions and establishing satisfactory grievance machinery.

The same local won an election by unanimous vote under NLRE auspices recently at the National Truck Leasing Co. Negotiations are now under way for a contract, according to Lewis S. James, president.

Landlord Registration Very Slow

A total of 187,299 dwelling units out of 2,000,000 had been accounted for in the landlord registration now being conducted by the Office of Price Administration up until yesterday.

The registration, compulsory to all landlords in the Greater New York area, is being held to force compliance with the recent rent freeze order. By Saturday at noon all landlords are supposed to have registered in one of the 82 places named, mostly public school buildings.

In registering landlords are required to state the rent charged for each dwelling last March 1.

Twenty-five hundred members at a regular Port of New York meeting at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Ave., unanimously voted a resolution to that effect.

"Today, tomorrow and the days to come, the leaders of the common people of Italy, Germany and other oppressed people will meet to free the world of Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and the rest of the gang of criminals. The alliance of the future will be the alliance of people and not of rulers."

The conference will start at 2:30 P. M. Many unions are sending delegates and observers and a number of organizations other than labor groups are also arranging to send representatives. Transport Hall is at 153 W. 64th St.

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After a lengthy discussion those present at the meeting set up a committee of six members to:

1) to make a study of the allegations and presentations of the Kings County Grand Jury, 2) to make concrete suggestions for action by the Bedford-Stuyvesant community and the public authorities for improving conditions in the section.

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WORKER SPORTS

The LOWDOWN -

The Pressure Is on Beau Tonite and Its Too Much—Monty to Win

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At approximately 10:10 tonight at the Garden Jerry Cooper will finish singing the Star Spangled Banner and all the lights in the place except the bright ones over the ring will go out and two bathrobed Negro fighters will move to the center of the ring to hear the instructions they can recite by heart and then they will shake gloves, go back to their corners for last second bits of advice and then face each other in those terribly long few seconds before the gong sounds to start the fight.

In one corner will be a slanting-eyed, magnificently-molded kid who will do a fast dance as he sets the blood circulating through his supple, brown body. He's Beau Jack.

Across the ring will be an equally well-built young man who will snort and throw his shoulders this way and that and then stand with his gloves around the ropes staring straight across the ring. His name is Bob Montgomery and he is the lightweight champion of the world. And that means fame and money and security for his wife and little daughter.

This is going to be a fascinating bout—from beginning to end. It will be fascinating because of Beau Jack. Bob Montgomery is a known quantity. He's been around a long, long time and nothing new is expected of him. Indeed, he is not capable of anything new at this stage of the game.

But Beau Jack is. And it is this factor of suspense which is largely the reason a capacity crowd will turn out to the Garden to make Mike Jacobs' store teeth click away enthusiastically and melodically.

A big question will be solved tonight. And that question is: How good is Beau Jack?

Tonight, beyond a shadow of a doubt, Beau will settle it once and for all. If he is in as good condition as they say he is then he should go into the fight with as many weapons as he has ever had.

At one time it looked as if Beau were on the verge of developing into one of the great fighters of ring history. Now he will have to fight his heart out even for an A rating for reasons we expounded yesterday.

Beau possesses a number of real, potent weapons. He is unbreakably fast. He can hit with both hands; his right uppercut being one of the more lethal weapons around. His left jab, when employed judiciously, is something to command great respect. And his strength, courage and ability to absorb the necessary punishment are beyond question.

What then is it he lacks to regain his championship—if, indeed, he does lack something to win tonight?

Primarily Beau lacks flexibility of tactics. He finds it difficult to untrack himself during the course of a fight and make a switch to different tactics, predicated by lack of success of the original tactics.

This is a serious and grave fault for a fighter bent on becoming the champion of his division. It becomes more serious when the man you are fighting knows your faults and exploits them to the utmost.

Bob Montgomery evidently is aware of the weaknesses in Beau Jack's armor. He more than proved it last May when he badly beat Beau and lifted the crown from his once proud head.

You can be assured then that Monty will again attempt to exploit Beau's weaknesses and if Beau is to win he will have to change his tactics and thus overcome his weaknesses. The question now before the house is: Can he?

Monty proved last time that by jabbing Beau while he was roaring in fast he could keep him off balance and prevent him from throwing and landing those pulverizing right uppers.

Monty also showed that by stepping inside of Beau's python-like left hooks he could take the sting out of them by causing them to wind harmlessly and painlessly around his neck while he, Monty, could then counter-punch rapidly and damagingly to the head and body.

Now, you may ask, why did Monty do these things so easily? Well, he was able to do them simply because Beau has been fighting on one track for a long time, never varying his style, strategy or tactics. Against lesser foes, Beau's style was more than enough. But against someone like Monty who combined experience, condition and boxing ability, it proved unequal to the task.

Beau now must and it within him to alter his tactics and employ a change of pace. He must also show that he has been taught and has mastered the simple rudiments of boxing and counter-punching, pacing and judicious usage of blows.

Frankly, it is doubtful if he has mastered these things sufficiently to beat Montgomery tonight. The fault lies not with Beau himself but with his managers and trainers, as we pointed out yesterday. If Beau had a capable, honest and devoted manager and trainer he could be taught these things just as the late Jack Blackburn taught them to Joe Louis.

Beau has a lot of natural talent, but it has unfortunately not been nurtured and developed to its utmost. That is why he faces a very difficult task tonight and that is why we pick Monty to win again despite the fact we still think Beau will some day be lightweight champion of the world and a much better fighter than he is today.

Short Shots & Quick Comments

The dream game, the "oomph" encounter of the year, is on hand. It will take place Sunday in Griffith Stadium, Washington, D. C., before a capacity crowd. The top team of the West, the Chicago Bears, meets the class of the East, the Washington Redskins, in one of the hottest, most debated tilts of the year.

That tilt is packed with enough drama for a thousand stories. It will bring together the bright lights of pro football, Sid Luckman and Sammy Baugh. And the stage is set for them to engage in a type of pitching duel that hasn't been seen since the days of Christy Mathewson and Three-Finger Brown.

The Redskins, in fact, have lost only one game in the past two seasons and that was the 1942 opener against the Giants. Among their wins is included the 14-6 championship play-off last year against the Bears. This game sort of vindicated the 73-0 1941 annihilation at the paws of the Bears.

That 14-6 game, too, marked the only defeat of the Chicago Bears in the past 36 games, league or exhibition.

Meanwhile, in New York, most interest centers about the Brooklyn Dodgers-Green Bay Packers affair Sunday in Ebbets Field. The Flushing footbalers are not conceded much of a chance against the ghostly Don Hutson and the powerful Tony Canadeo, but you can never tell. The Dodgers are riding on the crest of a

What Is Judge Landis Up to Now?

Judge K. M. Landis, high commissioner of baseball, is currently investigating the fact that a number of major league stars have been playing exhibition games in the Southern California winter league.

These players include Johnny Lindell of the Yanks; Lou Novakoff of the Cubs; Gerald Priddy of the Senators; Babe Dahlgren of the Phils; George Caster, Steve Meener, Jesse Flores, Peanuts Lowrey, Andy Pafko, George Metkovich and Skeeter Newsome.

Landis' "investigation" is ostensibly caused by the fact that some of the players were alleged to have received as little as \$3 per game.

Thus the Judge has now become the fair-haired protector of the players.

Be that as it may there are some acts pertaining to this little story which should be pointed out.

The fact is that these major league stars have been playing against Negro teams.

As in previous years most major leaguers living on the coast engage in post season games with their Negro colleagues who have been kept out of the majors.

Just last week the Daily Worker carried the story of Satchel Paige trimming this major league all-star team and striking out no less than 14 of them.

We dislike to be suspicious—but is it possible that Judge Landis is cracking down on these major league stars because they have been practicing the simple laws of democracy by meeting their Negro brothers on the ball field?

We are making no open accusations. We are merely pointing to a simple fact; namely, that these men have been engaged in ball games with Negro stars, and suddenly they are being "investigated."

They are adults, are these major league players, and we are quite confident that they are capable of taking care of their own financial interests. You can be assured that men like Babe Dahlgren, Johnny Lindell, Lou Novakoff and others are not easily "swindled" by payment of \$3 for a game.

I'm afraid the facts are that there are people in baseball who do not like the idea of white major leaguers playing with Negro stars.

For sooth! Some real, genuine democracy may be the result! . . . NAT LOW

Daily Staff Consensus Says Beau to Win

The Montgomery-Beau Jack title fight tonight at the Garden has captured the imagination of the Daily Worker staff and has resulted in a rash of predictions. The consensus was 6-5 in favor of Beau.

Here are some of them:

Phil Gordon: "Beau Jack by a knockout."

Bill Mardo: "Beau Jack by a decision."

Joseph Starobin: "Beau Jack still n't experienced enough to win. Montgomery."

Mike Singer: "Montgomery to win by a koy in the eighth round."

Dorothy Loeb: "Beau Jack to win."

Art Shields: "Beau Jack by a decision."

James S. Allen: "I got a tip from reliable sources. —Montgomery."

Fred Ellis: "Joe Gans could lick 'em both. . . . But I'll pick Monty."

The Montgomery-Beau Jack title fight tonight at the Garden has captured the imagination of the Daily Worker staff and has resulted in a rash of predictions. The consensus was 6-5 in favor of Beau.

Now, you may ask, why did Monty do these things so easily?

Well, he was able to do them simply because Beau has been fighting on one track for a long time, never varying his style, strategy or tactics. Against lesser foes, Beau's style was more than enough. But against someone like Monty who combined experience, condition and boxing ability, it proved unequal to the task.

Beau now must and it within him to alter his tactics and employ a change of pace. He must also show that he has been taught and has mastered the simple rudiments of boxing and counter-punching, pacing and judicious usage of blows.

Frankly, it is doubtful if he has mastered these things sufficiently to beat Montgomery tonight. The fault lies not with Beau himself but with his managers and trainers, as we pointed out yesterday. If Beau had a capable, honest and devoted manager and trainer he could be taught these things just as the late Jack Blackburn taught them to Joe Louis.

Beau has a lot of natural talent, but it has unfortunately not been nurtured and developed to its utmost. That is why he faces a very difficult task tonight and that is why we pick Monty to win again despite the fact we still think Beau will some day be lightweight champion of the world and a much better fighter than he is today.

Film Front

Hollywood Blvd. Hears Of Ben Davis Election

By DAVID PLATT

HOLLYWOOD.—A group of movie people were standing on the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Sycamore St. talking about the terrific strides of the Red Army when someone dashed up with a United Press news dispatch giving the wonderful news that Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., New York Negro Communist leader had been elected to the City Council along with Peter Cachione, Councilman, and Michael Quill and Stanley Isaacs. . . . Near bedlam broke loose. . . . A Negro Communist in the City Council of America's largest city! . . . "Hearst will take a fit," someone remarked hopefully. . . . "A great victory for the home front," observed another. "Four progressives all in one swoop . . . what a town—New York!" chimed in another.

"Compared to New York, a good part of Los Angeles is still pre-Coolidge," someone else added. . . . And so on, long into the night. . . . Progressive Hollywood is astir over the great victories in New York City. . . . The excitement will keep until the North crosses the Polish border when it will take nothing less than the opening of a second front in Europe to get it under control—the excitement, I mean. . . .

Hollywood Street Scene: Sgt. Joe Louis, champion of champions, taking a stroll along Hollywood Boulevard followed by an admiring throng. . . . Three sailors stop to chat with a Nazi storm-trooper on Sunset Boulevard at Coker. . . . Don't be alarmed! . . . He's just a movie Nazi who strayed off the Andre de Todt "None Shall Escape" set at Columbia to get himself a sandwich. . . . Several passers-by pinched themselves to see whether they would salivate psychoanalysis, but

NEW PLAYS

LADY, BEWARE! a farce by Alfred L. Golden, staged by Mr. Goldin, settings by Frederick Fox, presented by Hugh Bennett at the Cort Theatre on Nov. 17, 1943.

By Ralph Warner

When in rags my Broadway goes, Then when methinks she coyly shows

Such dreadful amateurish shows As "Lady, Beware!"

But when in silks she gaily struts Ah, why should she endure such sluts—

And I'm not doting ifs and buts— As "Lady, Beware!"

Alfred L. Golden thought he would satirize psychoanalysis, but

when his "Lady, Beware!" reached the Cort Theatre stage the other evening, it turned out to be nothing but a sleazy combination of tasteless off-color jokes. Not shocking, mind you—just boring.

In the cast are such capable veterans as Jack Sheehan and Pert Kelton, and the buxom Carol Stone in a role of which she should be ashamed—and she probably is.

As an example of how low the theatre can sink when no one is around to watch it, "Lady, Beware!" is worth seeing. But bring strong coffee to keep you awake, and use plenty of'eau de Cologne in your handkerchief to neutralize its odor. If you are still breathing after one act, hit the air.



"CLOUTRE" IS THE CRY. Since IWO officers went to Washington on Nov. 12 to present Senators Mead and Wagner with our resolution supporting anti-poll tax bill, H.R. 7, the Senate Judiciary Committee has reported out favorable the Marcantonio measure. The obstructionist O'Mahoney amendment was deadlocked. But, a new filibuster, which would again defeat for an indefinite period the granting of elementary citizenship rights to 10,000,000 Americans, is bruited about in the press. Poll tax Senators plan to introduce "several hundred" filibustering amendments to crush H.R. 7.

HOW ABOUT HEALTH? Depression yesterday and super-production in the midst of our democratic war today, have subjected America to severe strains which menace the nation's health security. This problem weighs most heavily on the workers. Their action is needed to solve it. The American Labor Party, through its Health Council, initiates an action program with its Wartime Conference on Labor Health Security, convening today at the Hotel McAlpin. Along with eminent spokesmen like Dr. John A. Kingsbury; Eugene P. Connolly, ALP Manhattan secretary; Rep. Vito Marcantonio, and Clifford T. McAvoy, CIO legislative director, the IWO will be represented by John E. Middleton, N. Y. executive secretary.

FIVE NEW YORK CITY COUNCILMEN will be guests of honor at the Bedacht Birthday Banquet, Saturday, Nov. 27, at Hotel Riverside Plaza. Stanley M. Isaacs, Michael J. Quill, Peter V. Cachione, Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., and Adam Clayton Powell will join in celebrating the birthday of TWO General Secretary Max Bedacht, whose life has been devoted to people's progress. Will you be one of the star recruits to meet and greet our people's leader, Max Bedacht, and our people's councilmen?

TESTIMONY WAS GIVEN by labor, Negro, Jewish, and constitutional leaders to the House Subcommittee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to drive home the need for reporting out the Lynch-Dickstein bills which would bar race hatred from the mails. George Starr spoke for the IWO as a whole and for its Jewish-American Section, in particular. Said he: "The Sub-Committee . . . can strike a smashing blow against discrimination and persecution by recommending passage of the Dickstein-Lynch bills. . . . The attacks on the Jews," Starr stated, "are part and parcel of the attack against American victory in the war. Anti-Semitism is

BACK IN ACTIVITY after an illness of long duration, IWO President William Weiner will make radio speeches tonight, and Friday, Nov. 26, over WZN at 10 P.M. (new station and hour) on the subject "Jewish Culture and the War." The broadcasts are linked to the \$30,000 cultural campaign of the Jewish-American Section to make known Jewish contributions to our democracy, and to form new national group cultural corps. At your meeting, or at home—listen in!

It Happened in Gibraltar At the World Theatre

IT HAPPENED IN GIBRALTAR, at the World Theatre.

By Frank Antico

A slow-moving spy thriller, filmed in pre-war France, concerning a British agent's clever thwarting of the enemy's sabotage. Choppy continuity, and climaxes heated so high that they top over. Except for a couple of fresh performances, production is already super-animated. Viviane Romance is so irresistible she'd entrap anybody but the hero of this movie. Yvette Lebon is young and charmingly acts her age. Erich von Stroheim familiarly acts the sinister megalomaniac who'll give you a scare or two.

On the same program is a short, "On the Soviet Front," a morale film shown in the front lines. The famous Red Army song, "Blue Kerchief," is sung; the ballerina, Leleshinskaya, brings her art to the battle-front; and there's a rendering of a folk-song that'll make you want to stand up and cheer.

I Dood It
At the Paramount

A feeble-minded attempt at comedy, which is so bad that it defeats even the valiant efforts of Hazel Scott and Lena Horne. A list of the defects of this completely washed-out film would reach from here to the original version before Hester got to it stood up and cheered at the end . . . where the hero says "we've got to fight fascism in this country as well as abroad." . . . The cut version even without this scene is still plenty powerful.

Film About Crimea At City Theatre

The City Theatre is now showing "The Crimean Saga." The film tells the story of how Sevastopol was defended. It also includes the story of the Black Sea Fighters.

This picture gives some idea of what the Nazis can expect when they try to evacuate the Crimea where they are now trapped.

Blossoms in the Dust'

The Apollo 42nd St. Theatre is now showing for one week "Blossoms in the Dust," starring the Academy Award winner Greer Garson, and Walter Pidgeon. Also featured will be "Roads of Destiny," French dialogue film with English titles; "Crossroads," the American production, based on the picture.

Andy Kirk and his Clouds of Joy will be the featured attraction on the stage of the 125th St. Apollo Theatre next week.

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Trying to Kid Him



Tribune Forum

THE Herald Tribune Forum served as still another powerful demonstration in support of the Moscow agreements and of our own strengthened foreign policy. With the exception of Governor Dewey, whose speech stuck out like a sore thumb, the leading participants agreed that the Moscow Pacts serve as a solid base for victory and for securing a stable peace. The messages of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden established the essential unity which exists on this point between leading sectors of public opinion and the governments. The support of the most popular anti-fascist sectors was voiced by Paul Robeson.

The outstanding dissenting vote of Dewey, cast with his usual evasiveness, was effectively countered by Wendell Willkie and Henry A. Wallace. Willkie's speech was a repudiation not only of the open defeatist-appeasement forces which are so strongly represented in the Republican Party, but also of leaders like Dewey and Hoover who by their smooth platitudes seek to hide from the people their opposition to the Pacts of Moscow.

There can be no essential disagreement with Willkie's contentions that the Moscow conference must serve as a base for further building, that our State Department policies with respect to Italy, France and Spain must be brought into line with the tripartite declarations that we must work with the anti-fascist forces in Europe, and that the colonial peoples must be assured their freedom. Nor does Willkie divert from the Four-Nation Pact when he says that the smaller nations must be brought into democratic relations with the four big nations. That has already been stressed by every official spokesman, and reiterated by Secretary Hull in his speech to Congress as well as by Secretary Eden in his message to the Forum.

But unless Willkie wants to be known as a candidate vainly in search of an issue, it would be wise for him to make it much clearer than he did in his speech that his emphasis on the "small nations" has nothing in common with the anti-Soviet and anti-coalition conspiracy which has arisen around the so-called Polish and Baltic questions. His speech does not show that intent, but it does present an opening for the very defeatist forces he is engaged in fighting.

Obviously, Willkie's contribution to forging our national policy and defeating the appeasers, first of all within his own party, would be much more effective if instead of seeking partisan advantage from continuing shortcomings in administration foreign policy he would adopt a constructive approach towards these problems. Only the detractors of administration policy gain from Willkie's refusal to recognize that the policy established at the Moscow conference is the policy for which President Roosevelt fought against his enemies at home.

It took Wallace to give a devastating reply to Dewey's monopoly-NAM program of "free enterprise." Government has its role to play in restraining business monopoly not only during the war but after. His call to the people to "prevent pressure groups from leading us to temporary peace or a partial employment" is well made. Private enterprise, he says correctly, is not a goal in itself, but must lead to full employment and production if it is to justify its existence.

And the Vice-President also hit the nail on the head when he warned that fascism fights on, within our own national borders, and will continue to do so even after military victory. On that count there is much work to be done against the fascist elements which are at work within both major po-

litical parties, as well as outside them.

Labor was not heard from directly at the Forum. But it has spoken out clearly in its own tribunals, in the spirit of full national unity around the President and for the fulfillment of the great promise of victory and coalition peace.

PR and the Times

YESTERDAY'S Times editorial makes the dangerous and wild charge that PR is responsible for the victory of fascism in Germany and Italy. One could show the complete imbecility of this charge merely by pointing to the fact that Switzerland, Sweden and other nations whose democracy has been frequently hailed by the Times, use PR, as do a number of American cities. This, however, is not the main point.

In the past, the Times has supported PR as the most democratic method of voting. The editorial indicates quite clearly that it makes this strange "discovery" about PR and fascism now because two Communists and a Times-designated "party liner" were elected to the City Council.

In other words, the Times wants to scrap this previously-acknowledged most democratic method because the voters expressed themselves in favor of Communist candidates. It was precisely this objective of nullifying the popular will when the people began to select Communists as leaders that led to fascism in Italy and Germany. It is not more democracy but the drive against democracy that brings fascism.

The Times' quarrel is actually not with PR. It is with the voters. As the Citizens Union points out, the current attack on PR because Communists were elected is of a piece with the fascist-like expulsion of Socialists from the State Assembly after the last war. These Socialists were not elected by PR.

The staid organ of respectability questions whether the voters have the intelligence to vote properly under PR. This insulting, tory-like argument assumes that the people are incapable of greater democracy.

As a matter of fact, by the Times' own standard, the voters were markedly intelligent. Stanley Isaacs, the Times' number one choice, was the most popular candidate of the voters. If Quill and Cacchione led in first choices in their respective boroughs, it was because they were properly identified in the minds of the voters with a progressive program similar to that of Isaacs. Thus there was a consistency about the result which demonstrates that ballots were cast on the basis of program and candidates, not of party.

The voters were way ahead of the Times, however, in that they did not permit ancient anti-Communist prejudices from deterring them. Internationally, the nation has discarded these prejudices and is closely allied with the one state with Communist leadership. In France, Yugoslavia, Italy, China, patriots have learned that anti-Communism is the weapon of the Axis foe and unity with the Communists essential to the future. The election proves that the people are learning this lesson in New York. The Times' newfound opposition to PR shows that it has not yet grasped this.

Another "significant" discovery made by the Times is that Communists transfer their votes to the ALP candidates, and vice versa. Surely it is not a secret that the Communists support the American Labor Party, that they are an inseparable part of the labor movement. There really is nothing surprising about this fact.

The editorial shows that we can expect a more intensive drive than in the past to shelve PR. A united movement of labor and all other progressive and good government groups will be needed to save it.

THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON



A Dangerous Bullitt

By Adam Lapin

Daily Worker Washington Bureau, Washington, D. C. Nov. 18.

AT a press conference after he returned from his trip to the war fronts a few weeks ago, I asked Senator Happy Chandler whether he still believed that the war in the Pacific should come first. It took Chandler about 15 minutes to say yes.

In the course of his answer he said: "When I made my speech last Spring I got the advice of some of the smartest men who were ever in the government service. Some of them are now being supported for public office by people who criticized me at the time."

William C. Bullitt was running for Mayor of Philadelphia at the time Chandler made this statement. And he could hardly have been more explicit in pointing to Bullitt as the man who fed him the ideas for his infamous speech attacking the Soviet Union and demanding concentration on the Pacific.

Bullitt was one of the trigger men who did a job on former Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles. He participated actively in the under-cover whispering campaign against Welles as he has in every backstairs Washington intrigue he thought might interest Soviet-American relations.

DESPITE his crushing defeat in the Philadelphia elections, Bullitt is still very much in the picture as indicated by his speech last Saturday night to the convention of Federal Union in Peoria. I happened to tune in on the speech quite accidentally. And, in thumbing through the papers next morning, I felt that it was very inadequately reported. This impression was confirmed by a reading of the text of the speech.

Bullitt, incidentally, took some back-handed cracks at both Welles and Vice-President Wallace: "Sec-

retary Hull is no boudoir favorite and no phrase maker. . . . You will not find him announcing that this is the century of the common man."

But the gist of the speech, of course, was that the small countries of Europe are now the "Great Unrepresented" in the councils of the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the United States, and that they should be banded together in an anti-Soviet European Federation.

And Bullitt pointed to this conclusion much more specifically than the news stories indicated. He said that "such a European Federation should be linked with Great Britain and the United States by the closest ties." A moment later he referred to "the fight for a democratic Europe, sufficiently united to join ourselves and the British Empire in leadership of the Western World."

Still again he hammered the same point, stating that "the Atlantic should remain a bridge linking America with Europe in a single Atlantic community of Western civilization."

It is all very clear. Not once did he indicate that the Soviet Union might have some tie with the new federated Europe. This is the idea of the cordon sanitaire with a vengeance. All of Europe is to be one great buffer state against the Soviet Union.

BULLITT'S speech was pretty transparent, but by no means as bluntly anti-Soviet as his "carrot and club" speech of a few months ago. In the face of the Philadelphia election returns and the immense enthusiasm for the Moscow Conference, Bullitt has decided to be a bit more subtle.

After all, he paid the Russians the dubious compliment of showing up uninvited at the Nov. 7 celebration at the Soviet Embassy on the arm of his great friend, Attorney

General Biddle. And in his speech to Federal Union—with a knife behind his back, of course. In the Peoria speech, he quoted at some length a statement by Lenin opposing annexations. And he suggested that it would be a fitting tribute to the genius of Lenin" to have this statement adopted by Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin.

Bullitt must have thought it was awfully clever to quote Lenin out of time and place and context against the Soviet claims to its former boundaries. In this new part as an old Russian hand who quotes Lenin with seeming affection, Bullitt appears to me to be even more dangerous than before. But I don't think he can get away with it.

PERHAPS the most important point made by Secretary Hull in his long press conference after his return from the Moscow Conference was that there is now a real spirit of cooperation between the United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain. The essence of what he had to say was that there are plenty of differences left between the Allies but that the atmosphere has now been created in which they can be ironed out.

And that is why speeches like the one Bullitt made in Peoria are so significant. They create distrust. They poison the atmosphere of cooperation of which Hull speaks.

Bullitt trades on his years of association with the President, on his former official connections. And it is a serious thing that the President came to Bullitt's aid during the final days of the Philadelphia campaign. That is what Chandler was talking about in the statement I have already quoted.

I can think of few developments which would be more conducive to strengthening Soviet-American relations than an official repudiation of William C. Bullitt.

Change the World

By MIKE GOLD

UNDER our skyscrapers still dreams the wild Indian earth of America. Let us forget the ground we stand on, nor the deep roots of our history. For instance, the peach trees of New York.

In 1679 two envoys appeared in the little town of New York. They represented a religious sect called the Labadists, founded by Jean de Labadie, a native of Bourdeaux. This Frenchman believed that he was directly inspired, and received personal messages daily from Christ. Also, he did not believe in carnal marriage and his disciples were constrained to abandon wife and husband and family to follow him.

Naturally such sectarians were harried and persecuted by wedded and Catholic Europe. The two envoys, Jasper Dankers and Peter Sluyters by name, had come like so many others of the persecuted to search out a spot for colonization in free, young America.

They reached New York on a September afternoon in 1679. They had their supper at the home of Jacob Swart, father-in-law of a fellow-passenger. The table was laden with delicious peaches, pears and apples. Next morning they walked in the fields near where Trinity Church now stands on lower Broadway. They saw trees laden with divers fruit in such overflowing abundance as they had never seen in Europe in the best seasons. They also saw a mulberry tree with "leaves large as plates."

ON SEPTEMBER 29th the explorers made a trip to Long Island, their diary tells us. They describe their route from the rowboat ferry as "up a hill, along open roads and woody places and through a village called Breuckelen, which has a small ugly church standing in the middle of the road." Where were the Dodgers and Pete Cacchione then? They were not even a twinkle in the eye of Mayor Stephanus Van Cortlandt!

But peach trees were numerous everywhere, and heavy with fruit. In some instances the trees were actually breaking down with their treasures, report the dizzied sectarians.

The travelers then spent a night at the home of Simon de Hart. Here they supped on raw and roasted oysters, a roasted haunch of venison, a wild turkey and a goose, which they consumed sitting before a hickory fire that blazed half-way up the chimney.

Can Peter V. Cacchione furnish his guests such bounty in modern Brooklyn, ration cards or no? Those wild turkeys have disappeared like the dinosaur. The venison hangs high only in swanky butchers of the ultra-rich. Peaches come from Georgia in boxes. Time marches on.

AH, THOSE peach trees breaking down with goodness and abundance all over the island of Manhattan and its neighboring Breuckelen!

The mouth waters at the memory, and the fragrance of peach blossoms penetrates the soul of the garbage and gasoline of today!

If you love fruit, and sunny meadows, and the clean air of an unspoiled wilderness, then all these descriptions of early New York must make you feel that the "Golden Age has long been shattered and gone."

The New York Amsterdam News, going to press too late to comment on the Councilmanic election results, has this to say with respect to City Judge Francis E. Rivers' victory:

"If any moral whosoever is to be drawn from last week's election it is that both white and colored voters must keep abreast of what is happening in the world at large as well as in the U. S. and support those candidates for office who most nearly meet the test of true democracy. Basic among the characteristics that any candidate must have to meet the test of democracy is a lack of racial, religious and national prejudices and the courage to speak out anywhere against him. The election of Mr. Rivers by the voters of New York County is proof that a preponderant number of them are able to judge for themselves the merit of a candidate for high elective office, regardless of color. It is indeed a positive step forward for democracy."

Yet New York in 1679 was as anxious with war and social problems as our own time.

Europe, the mother country, was a scene of endless calamities. There were vast cholera plagues, there were horrible massacres in the name of religion. France, England and Spain were at each other's throats in endless war for empire and loot. The colonies fought each other. New Amsterdam had just been stolen from the Dutch by the British and re-named after the Duke of York.

Yet the land was beautiful, rich with fruit trees, fishing streams and wild game. It is pleasant to remember that ancient beauty in the midst of today's rushing hordes, problems and smoky buildings.

Though a Communist loves and studies the past, he does not let it rob him of vitality. History gives dignity and poetry to mankind. It is good to taste in imagination the peaches of New York's golden age. But a New York Communist lives also in the present, and rejoices equally in the poetry of Bert Davis' and Pete Cacchione's election.

And in the present, he can also remember the past and catch bright whiffs and gleams of the future. New York is not finished, and the birds and peach trees will return to our island when mankind is truly free and equal.

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CHICAGO—The ban on "Professor Mamlock," Soviet anti-Nazi movie was lifted late this evening by the Police Department as a result of wide protests by progressive groups in the city. The police lieutenant in charge of the censorship board granted a permit for the movie after seeing it Thursday night. He said he found the film "very interesting."

DURHAM, N. C.—The Munich Pact slicing up Czechoslovakia is hindering economic improvement by helping spread Nazi influence, Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace told a Duke University audience tonight.

"The four power pact means an increased fear of war over the entire world rather than a lessened fear," he said.

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yes. In the decade immediately following war—also yes—undoubtedly.

The time has come for that vast group which stands for the general welfare in the United States to rise in its majesty to adopt methods which will prevent pressure groups from leading us to a temporary peace or a partial employment.

Unfortunately, we are much further from victory over Fascism than from victory over the German armies. Fascism sits on both sides of the line. Fascism fights us in both continents in the New World. Fascism will fight on from new bases after military victory is complete. Let us not commit the tragic folly of underestimating our enemy. No country has escaped so long only to have Franco recognize the Japanese puppet in Manila and urge the Blue Division—14,000 Spaniards who have been fighting with the Germans against the Russians—to become now a part of the German army. Or remember the desperate putative dynasties and near-Fascist parties some would like to have us bestow on a liberated Europe. Are these to be the tokens of our good faith which we show to the millions of Europeans who can now for the first time think not only of resistance, but of liberation also, and of the chance they want to help build a new world?

WENDELL WILLKIE

The last few weeks have covered a big step forward in the making of a world which Americans want and in which we will live for many years to come. In Moscow a frame-